

III. REMARKS

Claims 27-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 27 has been amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action, claim 27 was objected to as allegedly not providing sufficient antecedent for a “non-rotating component.” By this amendment, applicant has revised the claim to address the Office’s objection. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

With regard to the Office’s reasons for allowance, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which “the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims.” 37 CFR 104(e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole makes the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. Applicant believes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper as it merely copies most limitations of the claim into the reasons for allowance. While Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection and allowance of the application. Should the Examiner require anything further from Applicant, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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